

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 17 and 26 as follows.

C1 1. Hydrokinetic coupling apparatus, comprising a casing (30) having a transverse wall (3) coupled in rotation to a driving shaft, a turbine wheel (12) mounted within the casing (30) and fixed to a hub (14) which is adapted to be coupled in rotation to a driven shaft, a fixed first surface (1) on the transverse wall (3) of the casing (30), and a lock-up clutch interposed between said turbine wheel (12) and said transverse wall (3) and comprising a piston (4) carrying a second surface (2), which lies facing the first surface (1) for coupling the second surface (2) releasably to the transverse wall, wherein a friction means (60) acts between a face of the piston (4) opposite the second surface (2) and a radial plate (15) of the hub (14) situated in facing relationship thereto, wherein the piston (4) is so configured as to carry the friction means (60).

C2 17. Hydrokinetic coupling apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein the piston (4) has a projecting portion (1066) with a bead (1166) engaged in a hole of the friction means (60).

C3 26. Hydrokinetic coupling apparatus, comprising a casing (30) having a transverse wall (3) coupled in rotation to a driving shaft, a turbine wheel (12) mounted within the casing (30) and fixed to a hub (14) which is adapted to be coupled in rotation to a driven shaft, a fixed first surface (1) on the transverse wall (3) of the casing (30), and a lock-up clutch interposed between said turbine wheel (12) and said transverse wall (3) and comprising a piston (4) carrying a second surface (2), which lies facing the first surface (1) for coupling the second surface (2) releasably to the transverse wall (3), wherein the turbine wheel (12) includes an annular ring (13) which is fixed to the hub (14) by means of at least one rivet (59), and wherein a friction means (60) acts between the hub (14) and the piston (4), and wherein the friction means (60) is carried by said at least one rivet (59).

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